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using the chosen configuration in respect of the subscriber, wherein said choosing is performed automatically in dependence on a pre-defined criterion and the sensed external parameter.

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18. (Amended) An apparatus, for use in a communication system, comprising:

- a register of subscribers to the communication system;
- a register of alternate configurations;
- sensing means for sensing an external parameter;
- means for automatically choosing one of the alternative configurations in response to said sensing means and a pre-defined criterion; and
- means for using the chosen configuration in respect of a particular subscriber.

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Please add the following new claims for consideration by the Examiner.

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<sup>(NEW)</sup>  
--24. A communication system comprising:

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- a Mobile Services Switching Center (MSC), the MSC including a Home Location Register (HLR);
- a base station controller operatively connected to the MSC;
- a base station operatively connected to the base station controller; and
- a mobile station operatively connected to the base station, the mobile station having capability for sensing at least one external parameter, a configuration of communication services for the mobile station being automatically chosen from a plurality of configurations based on a pre-defined criterion and the sensed at least one external parameter.

(NEW)

25. The system according to claim 24, wherein the at least one external parameter comprise at least one of date, time, mobile station location, equipment identity, and type of call.

(NEW)

26. An apparatus in a communication system comprising:  
sensing means for sensing at least one external parameter;  
register means for storing predefined criteria for a mobile station; and  
processing means for automatically choosing a configuration for the mobile station based on the sensed at least one external parameter and the predefined criterion.

(NEW)

27. A method of automatically configuring communication services for a subscriber within a communication system, comprising:  
sensing an external parameter;  
choosing for the particular subscriber, a profile having a plurality of individual service arrangements; and  
using the chosen profile in respect of the subscriber, wherein  
said choosing is performed automatically in dependence on a pre-defined criterion and the sensed external parameter.

(NEW)

28. The method according to claim 27, further comprising specifying the plurality of individual services by the subscriber.

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29. The method according to claim 27, wherein the plurality of individual service arrangements further comprise at least one of speech services, SMS messaging, international calls barred, international calls barred except to home country, data transfer rate, fax services, High Speed Circuit Switched Data (HSCSD), General Packet Radio Services (GPRS), and outgoing calls barred.

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30. The method according to claim 27, wherein the pre-defined criteria comprise at least one of day of the week, cell identification, location, type of call, number called, and equipment.--

#### REMARKS

Initially, in the Office Action dated December 13, 2001, the Examiner has rejected claims 1-3, 6, 9, 10, 12-14, 18, 20 and 21 under 35 USC §102(e) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,108,540 (Sonti et al.). Further, claims 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 15, 16, 17, 19 and 23 have been rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Sonti et al. in view of U.S. Patent 5,933,778 (Buhrmann et al.). Claim 22 has been rejected under 35 USC §112, first paragraph in that the Examiner asserts that the use of an external parameter consisting of an environmental parameter is not supported in the specification.

By the present response, Applicants have amended claims 1 and 18 to further clarify the invention. Moreover, Applicants have submitted new claims 24 through 30 for consideration by the Examiner. Claims 1-30 remain pending in the present application.